

The LECs operate an "essential facility", and should have to accommodate other ISP firms that wish to purchase access from them. This wholesale provisioning stimulates competition and benefits consumers. Chairman Powell: I am 70 years old and still have to work part time to support my wife and myself. Our present costs for Internet Services is considerably lower than the rates charges by the larger corporations. I do not trust big business in this country to provide services at a reasonable cost for people like ourselves. Please do not sell out to BIG BUSINESS, at the expense of competition and the small businesses of our country.